

CAMOUFLAGE ART WILL BE TAUGHT BY CITY'S EDUCATORS

Latest Tricks in Modern Warfare to Be Revealed by Army Expert.

The great need of camouflage experts by the Government to mislead and hide from the enemy in the great war has brought about a movement by the Board of Education to train men of draft age in this latest art of modern warfare.

Two classes have already been

formed and they will be under the supervision of Lieut. H. L. Towle of the United States Army. Fifty students are undertaking the course, which will begin next Monday afternoon at the George Bruce's Public Library, 128th Street and Broadway.

The study will embrace the history of camouflage, the principles of protective coloring, problems as applied to the present needs of the military force of the United States, and the taking and interpretation of photographs.

Applicants are expected to submit a specimen of their work, and must present a certificate from their Examination Board as to their physical fitness. Students must have some knowledge of any of the following: Scenic, house and sign painting; mural and interior decorating; photography, engraving, sculpture, modelling, architecture and draughting.

"The work will be on a military basis," said Lieut. Towle to-day. "The students will have to attend

ARMY OFFICER WHO WILL TEACH CAMOUFLAGE TO NEW YORK BOYS



Lieut. H. L. TOWLE

three nights a week. We will have two shifts. The first group will attend classes on Monday, Tuesday and Saturday. The second will report on Wednesday, Thursday and Saturday. On Saturday both groups will meet in the same room and they will be lectured by French and English officers on camouflage work on the Entente fronts.

"Our practical work will be mainly in the field. We expect to get the use of the Palisades and the large fields of Staten Island, where the men will be given courses in trench dig-

ging and land coloring. By this means we expect to increase their power of observation.

"Our inside course will be mostly scale work. Villages, guns, bridges, trains, trees, tents and shrubbery will all be camouflaged. All this work will be followed up by field training, which will last three months, after which certificates will be issued to men who have satisfactorily completed the study."

Acting Superintendent Gustave Straubenmuller approves the course. "The theory and Practice of Camouflage," said Mr. Straubenmuller, "calls for a combination of various talents. To qualify, the men must know how to set up a colored canvas, imitate the surrounding soil and vegetation, to camouflage twigs, trees, or even know how to raise smoke to screen movements and positions of the army."

"One interesting feature of the course will be the study and practice on how to camouflage a raiding party which goes out at night. It has been shown in No Man's Land that the positions and movements of such parties have been detected time and again by the enemy's 'star shell,' which illuminates the whole country when fired. Our plan then will be to prevent such an occurrence. This can be done, I understand, through a method of using garments and caps resembling a lot of fresh dirt and various colored bands about the face to throw off the glare caused by the light."

George K. Gombart, Principal of the Evening School of Industrial Arts, No. 204 East 42d Street, where the camouflage classes have been organized, said that the State and Federal authorities approved the plan, and he received word of that fact from Major Gen. Black.

Lieut. Towle is a member of numerous art clubs in America. Among these are the Camouflage Corps of America, National Arts Club, American Arts, Connecticut Academy of Fine Arts and the Salmagundi Art Club.

SHORTS JOINS WITH EVENING WORLD IN ZONE TRAFFIC PLAN

More Business Men Come Out For Relief From Subway Crushes.

Officials of the Interborough Rapid Transit Company, from President Theodore P. Shorts down, have expressed themselves as being in favor of The Evening World suggestion to create time business zones below 42d Street for the relief of subway congestion.

It was pointed out by these men that the Interborough could not help push the idea beyond making a public statement that it is a good one, and if it can be put into operation will go far as an aid to the public.

At the present time the Interborough is doing everything possible to take care of the crush during the "peak hours," and it is believed by the officials that if business and the public at large will co-operate it will be possible to accomplish results.

That The Evening World suggestion is receiving attention from any number of employers in the city is evidenced by a statement made yesterday by A. Landon Burks, an exporter of No. 17 Battery Place. Mr. Burks is the holder of a number of patents used by railroads throughout the country, and has been a close student of traffic. He commends the initiative of The Evening World in putting the present congestion relief plan before the public.

"I have read with interest all of the stories that have appeared in The Evening World with regard to creating business time zones below 42d Street and heartily approve of the idea," said Mr. Burks. "I can readily see where it will be a tremendous task to get the co-operation of all business and industries, but it seems to me that there should be enough public spirit among all merchants, or at least the better part of them, to insure giving the plan a trial at least."

"I know that at this time there are a number of business houses which are doing the very thing that The Evening World suggests, namely, permitting their employees to go home a short time before other business houses close and thereby insure them comfortable travel home at night."

"If there is any holding back on the part of business I would suggest that this be made a war measure because, from The Evening World stories and from inquiries I have made myself, I know that the conservation of coal will enter into the plan. If it were possible for The Evening World to convince the employees who are working daily in the zone south of 42d Street, I feel sure that they would all vote for the change suggested. In the name of health, decency and comfort there should be no doubt in the minds of business men that the suggestion be given a fair trial."

From the hygienic and sanitary point of view the zone time suggestion should be given very close consideration. Physicians throughout the city have unanimously declared that fresh air should circulate freely through the subway cars—a condition which does not exist during the rush hours.

A number of physicians have read The Evening World stories on the zone plan, and are heartily in favor of the change. One of these is Dr. Stafford R. Smith of No. 106 West 87th Street. Dr. Smith has the following to say with regard to the idea:

"It is a foregone conclusion that a crowded subway train has its large percentage of disease carriers. In a closely crowded car, where the ventilation is entirely insufficient, the chances for infection are proportionately greater. Many cases of pneumonia, influenza and other diseases are contracted in the subway cars during the rush hours because of crowding. By eliminating the crowd the percentage of free oxygen that each person breathes while in the car is raised to normal."

"The suggestion of The Evening World is feasible and practical. I believe that it ought to have careful thought and due consideration in the name of health, if for no other reason."

To-day the Broadway Association, of which Jefferson de Mont Thompson is President, will take up the suggestion at its regular meeting. Mr. Thompson has already expressed his views in the columns of The Evening World with regard to the zone plan, and will undoubtedly urge the Broadway Association to do everything possible to put the plan in operation. At least, a committee will be appointed to consider the matter, according to Mr. Thompson's statement of Tuesday.

HOUDINI! DEFEND YOURSELF!!

Yonkers Official Escapes From Vault "Just as Easy."

W. H. Mitchell, Commissioner of Public Safety of Yonkers, qualified to be an understudy to Houdini to-day before an admiring audience in the City Clerk's office at Yonkers. He had been asked to "profess" who was looking for local press notices permitted himself to be locked in the vault door, and was released by the vault door, according to the statement of the vault door, according to the statement of the vault door, according to the statement of the vault door.

"That's easy," said Mitchell, and he had his co-workers swing the door open on him and throw the combination. The auditor wined of locks and bars was not said in five minutes. Nor would he tell how he did it.

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B. R. T. HEAD FAVORS ZONE SYSTEM URGED BY THE EVENING WORLD

To the Editor of The Evening World: I HAVE read with interest your article suggesting a practicable method of avoiding rush hour crowding in the subways by co-operation with business houses and employers in arranging time zones for the arrival and departure of employees. There is no question but that if such an arrangement could be perfected it would do much to make transit more comfortable.

I call your attention to the fact that such an arrangement has been instituted in Rochester, and that employers there have united earnestly with the transit corporation in making the experiment successful.

T. C. WILLIAMS,
President Brooklyn Rapid Transit Company.

NEW MURDER IDENTIFICATION

Letters and Clothing of Giuseppe Cristofano Help Clear Case.

Assistant District Attorney Ronald received additional confirmation to-day of the identification of the man killed in San Francisco, Jan. 30, as Giuseppe Cristofano, wanted here for the murder of Joseph Volpe, whose body was found buried in the cellar of a safe kept by Cristofano at No. 216 Thompson Street, on Jan. 24. Letters and part of the clothing worn by the dead man in San Francisco were identified by Mary Maraschino as the property of Cristofano.

LONGSHOREMEN'S STRIKE ENDED; MEN BACK AT WORK

Federal Adjustment Board Grants Wage Scale and Stevedores Return to Jobs.

Following official notification from the Federal Adjustment Commission of the United States Shipping Board that the board had granted the wage scale asked by the longshoremen of the Southern Pacific Steamship Company, it was announced that the men who have been on strike for the last few days would return to work at noon to-day.

Some of the men late yesterday received word that the Adjustment Board had granted the scale of wages and returned to the piers to go to work this morning, but officials of the line, not having received official notification of the board's action, refused to allow the men to do so at an increased scale of wages, with the result that the men left the piers.

A short time later the steamship received notification from the Adjustment Board and in turn got in touch with the Longshoremen's Union where it was stated that the 800 men would return to work at noon.

2,000 TO HONOR FIGHTERS.

Customs Force of New York to Hold Parade To-Morrow.

A parade under auspices of the customs forces of New York to-morrow will be followed by a solemn high military mass at St. Peter's Roman Catholic Church, Barclay and Church Streets, for the safe return of Americans who have offered their lives for their country.

The parade will be under the charge of Lieut. Col. William J. Costigan of the 6th Regiment, New York Guard. Members of the 68th will march, together with Company G of the 22d Infantry at Governor's Island and delegations from various sections of the customs service. There will be about 2,000 men in line.

The parade will start at 10 o'clock at Broadway and State Street and march reviewed by Mayor Thomas E. Ryan and some invited guests. Then it will go to the church, where mass will be celebrated by Capt. George E. Ward, an army chaplain. The sermon will be preached by Rev. John T. Chidwick.

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